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Excerpt from the Journal

Office of the Legislative Counsel

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2. Senator Leverett Saltonstall telephoned indicating he would appreciate being briefed by the Agency on the South Viet-Nam situation some time in the near future. I indicated we would be happy to do this at any time. I added, however, we were attempting to arrange a meeting of the CIA Subcommittee with Chairman Russell which, of course, would cover this subject. The Senator said this was very fine and if it occurs any time within the next week it would be adequate for his purposes. I said I would advise him further and repeated again that if he wanted an earlier briefing we would be happy to assist him. He indicated there was no urgency and felt the Subcommittee briefing was a better way if it were to be scheduled.

3. Senator Saltonstall in the course of the telephone conversation also mentioned that he would like to arrange a time for a briefing on the Russian fishing trawlers (previously Senator Saltonstall had sent word indicating he desired a briefing and we had offered to do this at his convenience and I followed up on this several times). I said we would be happy to do this at any time and arrangements were made for a briefing in his office at 9:30 tomorrow morning. [redacted] of OCI will accompany Mr. Warner for this purpose.

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7. William Darden called saying he had spoken to Senator Russell about meeting with the Director and Russell had suggested tomorrow morning. Upon learning that the Director would be out of town in the morning, Darden checked further with Russell and it was determined to let it go until after the voting in the Senate early next week. We will be in further touch with Darden and Russell.

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